



WBro. A G Tony Banks

The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338 EC



Tony was born in 1924 at St Pancreas Hospital in London. For the first few years of his life he lived in Bonner Street in Bethnal Green. The family moved to Romford in Essex where Tony attended Bush Elms School.

Tony joined Plessey Ltd in Ilford where he trained as an engineer. While training, he attended West Ham Technical College achieving the Higher National Certificate. Tony worked for Plessey for 42 years, in the course of which he was transferred to several places in England.

After his father and mother died, Tony's only living relative was his brother who was in New Zealand so Tony decided to emigrate, arriving in 1973.

Times were tough at first and he had difficulty finding work so he worked as a jobbing carpenter for a while before joining L.D.Nathan. They had just obtained the first licence to produce felt tip pens in NZ and Tony helped set up the production line.

His time at L.D.Nathan was followed by five years at the Naval Dockyard in Devonport where he worked in the Dimension Measurement team. Among other tasks, the team made sure the bases of gun turrets were true so they would rotate properly.

He met Marjorie, his wife, shortly after arriving in New Zealand, and they married in November 1976.

As a hobby, Tony has for many years made both full size and scale model furniture in wood. Tony made the kneelers which are in use in the lodge.

Tony was active in freemasonry for many years.

Initiated into the Duke of Connaught Lodge No. 1834 in 1967 in Portsmouth. Joined the Old Palace Lodge No. 7173 in 1973 when he was transferred to Croydon.

Exalted into the Croydon Millenary Royal Arch Chapter No. 7745 in 1971.

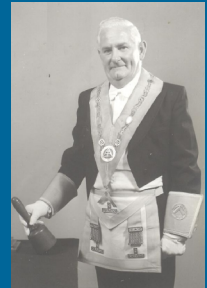
Joined Lodge Trinity No. 360 N.Z.C. in Devonport in 1973 rising to become Master in 1980/81.

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The Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, under the United Grand Lodge of England, was founded on the 18th day of December, 1869, and consecrated on Thursday, the 28th day of September, 1871, at the Masonic Hotel, Princes Street, Auckland, by Bro. J.J. Fitzgibbon, Past Master of the Waitemata Lodge, No. 689, E.C.



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